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## Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Hal Young has a new wheel. "Young Lochivar" has the measles.

The ground was white with frost Tuesday morning.

Dr. Kittredge of Farmington was in town last week.

Thomas Kendall is selling the Paris washing machine.

Mr. Willard P. Whittemore has returned to his home in Searsport.

D. H. Mason spent Friday and Saturday in Norway.

Miss Bertha Wiley attended the concert at Norway, Friday night.

Miss Alice Billings is assisting her father in the post office this week.

Mrs. Chas. Tabbs of Auburn, spent Sunday with Eli Barker and family.

Mrs. O. C. Young is visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Bradbury of Norway.

Mrs. Mary T. Clark has returned to Bethel after spending the winter in Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Herbert Lord went to Norway, Thursday, to attend the graduating exercises of the Norway High school.

Miss L. A. Dearing made a flying business trip to Lewiston, returning Monday night.

Mrs. L. E. Leach returned from Gorham, N. H., Saturday morning, and will remain at home for a time.

The dressmakers will be glad to learn that Miss Burnham has the hump hocks and eyes on tape, the use of which saves much time and labor.

Mr. Geo. Blake of Oxford, who has been clerking for E. C. Rowe, has given up his position, owing to ill health, and has returned to his home.

C. C. Bryant wishes to announce that he will not carry fresh meats during the summer but will keep on hand corned and canned meats and fish.

A large and complete stock of the world famous Queen Quality shoes can be found at Ceylon Rowe's. A new lot just opened. Call and examine them.

A span of horses belonging to John Chapman ran away Friday afternoon, throwing him out and partially demolishing the cart to which they were attached. Fortunately Mr. Chapman was not seriously hurt.

The grounds of the residence of Mrs. Ada L. Bell are being improved by setting out shrubbery, plants, etc. The work is being done by a landscape gardener from Massachusetts. It is expected that Mrs. Bell will occupy her residence about June 1.

The measles are making their annual visit to Bethel, but as yet have called only on students of Gould's Academy. Misses Carrie Wright, Cora Farwell, Ethel Eames and Messrs. Adrian Grover and Arthur Watson are at present entertaining them.

The head drive of the Paper Co. is at Bethel with camps near the ridge. Their stay at Bethel has been prolonged by the large number of logs on the islands which have to be drawn off with horses. Teams are at work and the company hope to move to some point below in a few days.

Last Friday afternoon as Mr. Wesley Wheeler was driving down Church street, his horse became frightened and ran. Mr. Wheeler was unable to control the horse and he continued down the street and turned onto Park street taking out two lengths of the fence in front of the Stearns' place and throwing Mr. Wheeler from the wagon in front of the house occupied by Miss Olive Wheeler. The horse was caught in Ceylon Rowe's horse shed. No serious damage was done.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or ringing in the ears. If it continues unchecked, deafness is the result, and the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be renewed. Over nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

## OXFORD COUNTY W. C. T. U.

Annual Convention Held at South Paris, May 16 and 17.—President's Address.

Smiling skies, the sweet odor of blossoms and Dame Nature herself rejoicing in a new dress of green, all joined with the ladies of the South Paris W. C. T. U., in giving a royal welcome to the White Ribboners, last Tuesday morning. From the first exchange of greetings, success was assured. The Oxford County W. C. T. U. convention assembled in the Methodist church, South Paris, at 10 o'clock. The opening service was devotional led by Mrs. Sarah Carlis, president of the West Paris Union. At 10:30 the County President, Mrs. Martha B. Chapman, took the chair and the fall of the gavel announced the convention ready for business. This particular gavel has a history which made it eminently fitting that it should preside over the Oxford County convention. It was a gift to the Bethel Union, and was made at the Bethel chair factory, from wood taken from Sunset ledge, the favorite retreat of Lucy Larcom, whither she went for inspiration for her poems, when a guest at Riverside Cottage.

After the roll call and reading of minutes by the secretary, the address of welcome was given by Mrs. E. W. Morton, president of South Paris Union. A welcome more hearty and cordial could not have been given, and a very pleasing response was given by Mrs. O. M. Mason of Bethel. After such hearty words of welcome and appreciation no stranger was in the church, for all felt that we were a band of friends working for a common cause—the uplifting of humanity. After the appointment of committees, the President delivered her address, which must be read entire to receive a first estimate of its worth and the value of its suggestions.

The afternoon session was given up to business and reports of committees, treasurer, etc. Rev. Caroline Angell read a valuable and cheering paper upon "Our Encouragements." Superintendents of Departments reported an increased interest in the department work. Mrs. Annie Sweet of South Paris, read a very interesting and suggestive paper entitled "Parental Responsibility." Miss Cornelia Dow, daughter of the late Gen'l Neal Dow, was the guest of the convention, Tuesday, and brought words of cheer and helpfulness. The Convention passed unanimously the resolutions instructing the County President, in behalf of the W. C. T. U. in Oxford County, to petition Pres. McKinley to enforce the anti-canteen bill, according to its original spirit and not according to the version the Attorney General has put upon it.

Tuesday evening's program brought out a crowded house, the aisles being filled with extra chairs. Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt of Augusta, State Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction in public schools, delivered the address stating the law as it now stands and making an earnest effort for an increase of law and a more earnest effort on the part of the teachers to bring the best results from what we have.

Mrs. J. W. Chute had charge of the music, and fine music was furnished. Master Ralph Pentfold sang My Old New Hampshire Home and received much applause.

The devotional meetings were all very helpful, led by different members and visitors.

Wednesday morning was given up to reports of superintendents, discussions and election of officers. Mrs. Martha B. Chapman, our efficient president, was re-elected by a unanimous vote. Mrs. Ellen Pierce, East Hiram, Miss Annie Cross, Bethel, were elected vice presidents-at-large. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jennie Kimball, East Hiram. Recording Secretary, Emma Woodbury Chandler, Bethel. Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Clifford, Hiram. Superintendents of the several departments were elected.

Mrs. L. T. Barker of Bethel, sent a very instructive and well written paper—"Miss Willard as an Educator."

Mrs. E. Bonney of South Paris sent a paper which was full of thought and suggestions to parents—"Where Our Children Get Their Ideals."

The ladies of South Paris proved their ability to entertain at the bountiful dinner served in the vestry.

At 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the convention assembled for its closing session. After the

devotional exercises, the convention was called to order and listened to the report of the committee on resolutions.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney had a fine paper upon "Law Enforcement." Mrs. Fannie Burrill of Hiram, sent a paper, "Influence of Literature in the Family."

Addresses were made by the clergymen of South Paris and by Rev. Mr. Leard of West Paris. The convention was cheered and helped very much by special parts which were not on the program.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney sent greetings; Mrs. Wilder of Turner, a veteran worker in the temperance cause, was a guest, also Mrs. Walter Miller. Brookfield was represented by Mrs. Henry Nutty, Mrs. A. E. Cole, Mrs. Cyrus Spaulding, Mrs. Benjamin Spaulding, Miss Annie Bayley, State Supt. of L. R. L. work, and Mrs. Myra Patrick, State Supt. of Hygiene and Heredity.

The clergy of South Paris were very helpful and showed interest and sympathy with the work. The following greetings were received from the Union in Brooklyn:

May 15, 1899.  
To the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Oxford County, in Convention Assembled,  
Dear Comrades:—We rejoice to learn of your renewed activity, and consequent prosperity, and trust that the enthusiasm kindled by coming in touch with each other at this time, may result in a year of great usefulness.

Our love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

Yours for God and Home and Every Land.

ELIZABETH W. GREENWOOD, ISABEL SHIRLEY, CLARA A. ROGERS, IDA A. CHASE.

Special mention was made of the courtesy of the following papers by the superintendent of press work: Oxford Democrat, Christian Mirror, Bethel News, and Norway Advertiser, who have always kindly given space to all temperance articles and also helped the local unions.

At 3:30, a motion to adjourn until the third Wednesday and Thursday of May, 1900, was made and accepted and with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Ramsdell of South Paris, the twelfth annual convention closed a most successful and earnest session.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

DEAR SISTERS AND COMRADES IN THE W. C. T. U. WORK.—It is fitting at this time to take a retrospective glance and encourage ourselves, by seeing something of what has been accomplished during the past year. Our hearts have been gladdened by the reviving of two of our largest and most efficient Unions, and an added membership of 62 active and 3 honorary members—as one result of Mrs. Seaman's labors among us. I say one result, for the influence of her instructive public lectures, her helpful talks and the example of her consecrated life cannot be summed up and told in words.

And much less can the good influence of our several Unions be gathered up and estimated. The reports of Supts. of the various departments can only indicate the lines along which special effort has been made, and give a brief summary of its tangible work.

In looking over the records of the Convention since the W. C. T. U. work was organized in this county in 1887, I found there had been Unions at Denmark, Kezar Falls, Fryburg, Oxford, Andover and Rumford Fall, which no longer exist. On writing to these towns to learn the cause of this decadence and to see if they could not be encouraged to renew their allegiance, I found the same story repeated in varying forms—"We have too many other organizations—there is no time for this."

Now we all know that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is the pioneer of woman's work, and the forerunner of the multitudinous woman's clubs of to-day. They have all sprung up within the last quarter of a century, and are multiplying every year, so that every little village and hamlet has its clubs, literary, historic, scientific, musical, etc., and its whist and tennis clubs; and every church organization finds an efficient co-worker in its denominational club evolved from the old-time sewing circle. Setting aside these aids to the financial machinery of our churches, all the other clubs, however pleasant, instructive, elevating, refining and enjoyable.

At length the eyelids quivered, and finally opened, disclosing a pair of large, sleepy, blue eyes in male appeal for rest. For one brief instant their eyes met, and then the young man, with a single hurried glance around, as though he was about to do something wrong, suddenly snatched the child from the floor, placed him on his knee, in utter disregard of consequences, and inquired if he was hungry.

Amazement seemed to hush articulation. The silent answer came in an affirmative nod of the little head and a brightening of the eyes.

A secluded corner of the dining-

## In Memoriam.

At rest; untroubled by the low warping of the drum-beat and the flags unfurled.—The dread suggestiveness of bugle-calls that blow Above the sweet south wind that sweeps the graves Where sleep their last, forgetful sleep, the dead.

Within their ears the sounds of peace, not war;—At rest and peace; as God's eternal angels are.—Madame Francis Higgins-Glenen.

## AN AWAKENING.

It was two hours past midnight and a January storm was raging. New York lay a foot under the snow which had been falling all day and night, only to give place to an icy rain.

The streets were deserted by all save the guardians of the peace, and even they sought shelter wherever they could, secure in the belief that on such a night they were safe from detection by the chance patrolman. The clogged gutters afforded no outlet, and rivers of water ran over the mounds of snow and gathered in pools in the footprints made early in the evening by hurrying crowds of workers eager to reach their homes.

At the desk of one of the largest and most luxurious hotels, stood a young man fashionably attired, leaning partly on one arm, with his face turned toward the door. Near him stood the clerk, and they were engaged in that semi-confidential chat so usual between men of their habits. All life in the vast caravansary was hushed under the dreary, sodden sound of the rain as it drove its way into the snow.

Suddenly one of the doors leading to the street swung in a little, and what seemed but a gray bundle of wet rags flashed through and disappeared behind a huge hall lounge beside the radiator. Despite the rapidly with which it came and vanished, neither the eye of the clerk nor that of his companion failed to observe it. Nor were they at a loss to understand what it was. An ejaculation somewhat profane escaped the lips of the clerk as his hand instinctively came down upon the bell, and the almost unconscious "Front!" came as though jerked from his lips.

The young man, on the contrary, straightened himself up, and a smile, caused either by the irritation of the clerk or by a chance thought of his own, broke over his face. The hall boy, who was running to obey the summary command of the clerk, was stopped by the words, "I'll attend to this!" The young man then proceeded down the hall toward the door and came within view of the bundle, which proved to be a boy of six or seven years of age.

The child was sitting bolt upright, fast asleep, with his little legs, stiff from the cold, extended straight out along the floor, and his hands clasped in a friendly embrace in his lap. His hat, which had fallen from his head, lay beside him, and his long, wet hair hung straight down over his face, almost shutting out of view the closed eyelids. The little figure was rigid, and the young man stood for one moment in absolute amazement as he realized the suddenness with which this forsaken waif of the streets had found repose in sleep.

He had been accustomed to see these boys about the great city, in all places and at all hours of the night, finding shelter wherever they could, and had never given them a serious thought. Now, as he stood there in the quietude of the night, looking down on that little, silent, storm-beaten figure, a realization of the extremes of life seemed to burst upon him. He dropped into a chair, his first impulse being to sit there until morning, if necessary, a silent guardian of the sleeping boy; but, as he realized the saturated condition of the child's clothing and his need of a change, he reached over reluctantly and gently shook the little shoulder.

At length the eyelids quivered, and finally opened, disclosing a pair of large, sleepy, blue eyes in male appeal for rest. For one brief instant their eyes met, and then the young man, with a single hurried glance around, as though he was about to do something wrong, suddenly snatched the child from the floor, placed him on his knee, in utter disregard of consequences, and inquired if he was hungry.

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A secluded corner of the dining-

room was sought, and an order given, with the confidence of an old habitué, for anything and everything the kitchen could afford at that hour of night, now well into the morning.

For sometime after the soup was served, the little fellow sat in wonder, gazing unblinkingly at his benefactor. Suddenly he reached over and touched him.

"What is it? What do you want?" asked the young man.

"Jes' want to know if yer wuz dere!" answered the boy, sheepishly. "Is it all right, or is it jes' one of dem dreams?"

A burst of loud and happy laughter came from the young man as he gave assurance that this time it was no dream, and, reaching over, helped the first spoonful of soup; then he dropped into silent contemplation, as he viewed a most ferocious and indiscriminate attack upon everything the table afforded.

Sense of an obligation never before suspected began to take possession of him, and the problem of how to deal with it kept him silent as he watched the food disappear in marvellously large quantities.

"Why didn't you go home to-night?" he asked, when he thought time could be found for an answer. "Got na hum?"

"Haven't you a father or mother?"

"Fadder. Mudder dead."

"Where are your brothers and sisters?"

"Onlee got sister."

"Where is she? How large is she?"

"She's littler'n me. Tuk her to de priest's house an' run."

"Where is your father?"

"Dunno. Drunk."

"Well, what do you do? Where do you sleep?"

"Under Tiger's shed. Down dere in Dixon's alley."

"Yer see," continued the boy, confidentially, gradually thawing out under the gentle influence of light, heat, and food, "Tiger keeps de dogs, an' Jimmie an' me, we jest creep in too, and dey keeps us warm."

"Who is Jimmie?"

"Jimmie's me pard."

"Does Tiger ever give you anything to eat?"

"Yer right! Wen he ain't full he throws us bones same's de dogs!"

"What does he do when he is drunk?"

"We duss, yer bet! Yer wouldn't like ter meet Tiger wen he's drunk—er rars and charges—whew! Well, ye see, sur, de shed got busted ter night, an' I wuz huntin' fer a place an' suthin' made me chase in 'ere."

"Where is Jimmie?"

"Dunno; if he's in luck he's in de hum."

"How much does it cost to get a bed in the home?"

"Ten cents; yer see, luck went agin me terday. Two dagoes—big fetters, and the blue eyes gw e w a large as though illustrating the size of the enemies, "cam and swiped me stand an' punched me, see, an' I jest dropped me papers to fite 'em, an' de odder dag grabbed 'em an' run. But I'll git square wid dem dagoes!" he added meditatively.

"I'll git Tiger sum time wen he ain't woody, ter cum down ter de stand; he'll git away wid 'em, see?"

"Well, here's a dime. Run down to the home and go to bed. Stay there in the morning until I come to see you. Maybe I would like to be a side partner of yours and Jimmie's."

"Fully gee, tanks!" and without waiting for further persuasion the boy ran out into the bleak night.

The clerk gazed at the young man with a cynical smile.

"I could do that twenty times a night if I liked," he said, coldly; "it don't help them any."

"Just think though, of the good it does me," returned the young man, carelessly; "I am thoroughly selfish, I admit."

"There are plenty of societies for them," continued the clerk. "This promiscuous giving only pauperizes them."

"We all need a lift sometimes over hard places. This problem of

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## Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy, I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. Moore, South Bergetown, Pa. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and W. H. Crockett, Locke Mills.

## Local News.

Send us all the local news every week. We want every item of local interest.

## The Home.

Memorial Thoughts.

"When the swallows have been back. And the lilac that is out, And of flowers there is no lack, And winter's wrath is put to rout—Then from every hamlet's side Come thoughts of heroes who have died."

Of all our yearly feasts, Decoration day is perhaps the most distinctly national. The adorning of the soldiers' graves is but the outward showing of a feeling which is within the breast of every home loving and country loving person. The men who fell at Bull Run or Santiago have not to share the honors with the almost mythical heroes of ages ago. They themselves have written the stories of our race in their life blood and they will be told to generations yet unborn. The monuments raised in their honor will crumble to dust before the story of their deeds shall cease to be told by father to son. When the boys marched forth to battle leaving all behind, they went in simplicity having no vision of the honors to be heaped upon them by a grateful people; they went all unconscious of the heroism which is the heritage of their descendants.

Decoration day will find many new graves this year; perhaps here and there a long, low mound over which the green grass has not yet had time to grow. All we can do is to cover them with flags and flowers. But to the living brave, let us give the honor and the tenderness which will make glad his declining years, remembering not only for one day in the year that he too gave the best of his years and strength to make our Union what it is, strong and great.

In decorating the graves of the soldiers don't forget to place a flower upon the grave of his wife. Her part was almost as heroic as one as his; he went to meet the shower of bullets, she remained at home to weep, to pray, to hope, to fear, to care for the tender little ones. He was in the excitement of battle and changes; she in the quietness of home, waiting, watching. She shared his heroism, let her share his reward.

How quiet is the cemetery when the last speech is made, the last flag and flower laid upon the graves and the sound of the steps of the last veteran and friend has died away. Then only the stars keep watch above the silent ranks awaiting that last trumpet call which alone shall wake them from their hard earned soldiers' rest.

Thirty-four years ago the last battle of the civil war was fought. Since then many a battlefield has been filled by the husbandman; the tree which was then but a sapling lifts high its head, and our flag has won fresh victories over seas. Soldiers' homes have been erected in token of our gratitude; pensions have been freely granted; monuments have arisen; homes for soldiers' orphans have been founded, and Decoration day is kept all over our broad land. Let us be thankful that we have not waited until our soldiers died in poverty and neglect, to honor them. Republics are proverbially ungrateful, but the American people have proved themselves here the exception to the rule.

How beautiful is the flag as it unfurls its spotless folds to the May breeze, and how proudly its bearer walks, heading the long procession! But, listen, what is that cheer which swells far down the line, leaping spontaneously from a thousand throats? It is a cheer for another flag, which has been unfurled. See, it is soiled and torn and faded; that dark stain is the life blood of the bearer; that hole marks the path of a bullet. Hats are lifted and eyes grow dim with reverent tears as it passes, the old regimental flag which has cheered brave men to win and die. The decoration day procession is gay with ribbons, flowers and wreaths, but none of them is as beautiful to us as that soiled, faded, glorious flag!

"We love our folks the best, Though they may lack the style Of strangers richly dressed; They have a tender smile For us, and in their eyes We read the heart's best quest. Of all beneath the skies, We love our folks the best."

In sewing bread on the edge of a new skirt or replacing it when worn, after running on the braid, in the usual way take a needle and strong thread and secure it by a few overcast stitches, at intervals of some inches, fastening each set neatly off. Then, when the braid meets with an accident, it will not rip far.

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L. B. Andrews,



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LOCAL NEWS.

N. F. Swan of East Bethel, was in the village to-day.

Fred Howe of East Bethel, was in the village Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Walker are in South Waterford to-day.

Major Hastings took home a nice new carriage Monday.

C. C. Bryant has purchased the Wm. Melvin place in Albany.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Miss True, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Arthur Bunting has been sent to Norway as station agent.

Mrs. Barrows and Miss Edith Walker were in West Paris yesterday.

Some twenty of our people attended Sousa's concert at Lewiston, Monday night.

Several of our people attended the Sousa concert in Portland, Tuesday night.

Miss Maud Becker and Mabel Inman of Albany, were in the village yesterday.

The Literary Society will meet Thursday afternoon at 2.30, with Mrs. H. C. Andrews.

Mr. Fred Chandler has been appointed station agent at Gilead and will move his family there at once.

Millon Penley killed a three-year-old heifer last week which dressed 586 pounds, and a cow which dressed 736.

The scholars of the village schools are learning about Raphael and St. Cecilia in connection with the steel engraving recently presented by the Columbian Club.

The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps will meet at their rooms Saturday afternoon, to make wreaths to be used in Decoration day.

All who will lend a hand, are invited to meet with them.

Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Mrs. J. C. Billings, Mrs. O. M. Mason, Mrs. Mary Brackett, and Mr. J. H. Barrows have been elected by the Universalist parish to attend the State convention at Portland, to be held in June.

A small menagerie passed through Bethel yesterday, consisting of two buffaloes, one of which was of mammoth size and cost \$5,500, two gray wolves, a cage of water fowls, and an ox which weighed 3200 pounds.

Rev. Israel Jordan has accepted a call to Scarborough, to the church recently left vacant by the removal of Dr. Merrill, the former editor of the Mirror. The church is to be congratulated in having secured a man of so great talent and spirituality to succeed their late pastor whose removal was so much regretted.

Brown Relief Corps having lately received four new members, have started on the new year with renewed courage. As a department, the Woman's Relief Corps is doing a good work along the line of patriotic teaching in the public schools of the State and we hope to arouse more of an interest in our town schools.

Wrong Pig by the Ear.  
Handorgans have appeared on the streets—Bethel News item.  
Whatthickenedsarethey?—Lewiston Journal.

Did you ever get left, dear brother? Please put on your goggles, take another squint, and you will discern the fact that you are slightly off on your credit, that the above item belongs to one of our esteemed contemporaries, instead of the Bethel News.

"Courage and Strength  
in Times of Danger."

Read the warning between the lines. What is that warning? It is of the danger from the accumulation of badness in the blood, caused by the usual heavy living of the winter months. Spring is the clearing, cleansing time of the year; the forerunner of the brightness and beauty of glorious summer.

Follow the principle that Nature lays down. Start in at once and purify your blood with that great specific, Hood's Sarsaparilla. It never disappoints.

Grasp—Sixteen weeks of grip made me weak, but after all the failed Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me. Later I overworked, and dyspepsia and cancer in mouth and stomach bothered me. I took the Sarsaparilla again and it completely restored me." Mrs. Elizabeth Foman, Exeter, N. H.

Rejuvenation—"Myself and a friend both suffered from severe attacks of rheumatism. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured both. We would not be without it." Wm. H. Luzzatto, 65 Leonard St., Fall River, Mass.

Head and Neck—"For one year pains in my head and neck prevented my house-hold duties. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and am a well woman. It also cured the grip in our family." Mrs. Mary Hennessey, Cor. First and Franklin Ave., Columbus, Ind.

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Mrs. E. P. Holt was in Portland, Tuesday.

E. B. Farrar of Grafton, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young were in Portland, Tuesday.

Dana Grant of Locke's Mills was in our village Tuesday.

Will Bryant was down from Gilead and spent Sunday.

Archie Hutchinson of Mason, was in town this morning.

Miss Mae Wiley attended the concert at Norway, Friday evening.

H. B. Clough has left the Grand Trunk and is making a visit in Bethel.

Mrs. Mary O. Foster of Newry, is visiting at C. O. Foster's this week.

The G. A. 1st nine play at Bryant Pond next Saturday, and the 2nd nine play at Rumford Corner that day.

Mr. L. A. Hall and Miss Elsie went to Lewiston, Monday, and attended the concert given by Sousa and his band.

It is rumored that Hon. J. M. Philbrook is going out of the cattle business and start a tin peddler's cart.

Mrs. Bell has had a landscape gardener at work the last week, making her place more attractive by addition of shrubbery, etc.

Twelve or fifteen members from the Locke's Mills council, J. O. A. M., visited the Bethel council last night. One new member was admitted.

Tickets for the Commencement concert of Gould's Academy, are selling rapidly at Wiley's. Secure your seats early and be sure of them.

FROST-WILEY.

Arthur G. Wiley and Nellie H. Frost both of Bethel, were married by Rev. F. E. Barton at Bethel, Monday afternoon. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the relatives of the parties being present. They were the recipients of many fine presents, including a nice willow rocker, presented to Mr. Wiley by his pupils at Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley are among the most highly esteemed young people of Bethel, and hosts of friends join in extending congratulations and wishing them much happiness in their wedded life. They left Bethel on the 3.30 train amid a tremendous shower of rice. A few days will be spent in Portland, when they will return and take a trip to the Lakes.

Memorial Day Services.

Services will be held at the Song-Pond cemetery at 9 a. m.; at East Bethel, at 10 a. m.; at South Bethel, at 9 a. m.; at Woodlawn cemetery, Bethel, at 2.15 p. m. Services will be held in the Congregational church at 7.45 p. m. Hon. H. E. Webster of Damariscotta, will be the speaker of the evening. The Bethel Chorus has volunteered its services for the evening.

Comrades of Brown Post and all other veterans wishing to unite in the services of the day will meet at Post hall at 7.30 a. m. Details for the different cemeteries will start promptly at 8 a. m.

The Post, Veterans, and Sons of Veterans will assemble at G. A. R. hall at 1.15 p. m.; line will be formed at 1.30, right resting on the corner of Broad and Main streets. Marshals of the different organizations joining the procession will report to Major G. A. Hastings, chief marshal, for assignment in the line.

The line will start at 1.45 sharp, headed by the Locke Mills band.

May 23 will be observed as Memorial Sunday. Union services will be held at the First Congregational church; sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Varley.

Members of the G. A. R., old soldiers, and Sons of Veterans are cordially invited to join with the Post, meeting at G. A. R. hall at 10 a. m.

Members of the Post will wear dark clothes, white gloves, memorial badges, and carry canes.

It is earnestly hoped that each and every one will unite and make the coming May 30th, a Memorial Day in reality as well as in name, thus keeping alive—not the animosities of years ago—but the ideal devotion to the Union and the flag, for which so many hundreds of thousands willingly gave their lives in the dark days of '61 to '65.

IRA C. JORDAN,  
Post Commander.

STRIKE ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

There was a strike among the section men on the Grand Trunk, last Monday morning, which leaves some 900 miles of road without trackmen. There are but very few men who did not join the strike. The authorities of the road state that they could not have struck in a better time for the road, that the bed of the road could not have been in better condition, and that as a matter of fact, they could stand a strike for six months. It is thought, however, that matters will be adjusted soon satisfactorily to both parties.

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TIME WAITS  
FOR NO  
MAN,

—Therefore

man should see that he is on time. An accurate watch is a necessity to most people now days. If our grandfathers guessed at the time, it is no reason that we should. They also rode by stage-coach, while we ride by train. The use of improved machinery has so lowered the cost of production that a good watch is within the reach of all. Come and see my line and let me quote you prices. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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Jeweler and Optician.

Notice to Odd Fellows.

Notice is hereby given that the Odd Fellows are going out as a body Memorial day, and accompanying the procession to the cemetery. It is hoped that all members of the order who can, will come out and join us. It is also requested that the members will bring flowers for decorating.

Please meet at I. O. O. F. hall at 1 p. m.

L. B. HOPKINS, } Com. on  
O. B. KENDALL, } arrange  
C. C. BRYANT, } mens.

Oxford County W. C. T. U.

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able—are centered in their own membership. It is for themselves they exist. They reach out not helping hand to those around them. There is no other organization which has so high ideals, and aims at so broad results as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Its scope as given in the National statement of its principals, is "the educating of the young, forming a better public sentiment, reforming the drinking classes, transforming by power of the Divine grace those who are enslaved by alcohol, and securing the entire abolition of the liquor traffic."

It has, however, through the clear vision which has come to its membership of the basic unity of all reform forces and the interrelation of each evil with all other evils, widened its scope until there is no wrong against which it has not lifted up its voice, no good with which it is not allied. It is the chief factor in State campaigns for statutory prohibition and constitutional amendments. It began the movement for Scientific Temperance Instruction in the public schools, and has been instrumental in securing laws to that end in all but three of the States, and secured Congressional legislation by which all the territories and the District of Columbia are brought under the same beneficent statutes. We should consider, too, its work among the children of the Sunday schools, Loyal Temperance Legions and Kindergartens; its efforts to influence college students and young women, training and organizing them for a philanthropic life, and its evangelistic work for non-church-goers, for railroad employees, soldiers, lumbermen, miners, especially for drinking men of all classes; and its efforts to reach paupers and prisoners. It has also championed the cause of woman's ballot, the labor movement and social purity. In fact, it reaches out a helping hand in forty different directions, and it is permeating public sentiment through innumerable channels.

Is there not work enough to satisfy the ambition, and energy of every philanthropic woman?

I do not wish to be misunderstood as narrowly condemning women's clubs. I rejoice in everything that tends to educate and expand a woman's mind, to widen her views of life, broaden her sympathies and refine her mind and heart. But while she is seeking these things for herself, at the same time she has a duty towards others; for we none of us live to ourselves, and in many ways applies the warning, "these things ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone."

The motherly heart of this organization is proved by the earnestness of its efforts for the children, to save them from the evils of the world. And a knowledge of parental influences is being disseminated which is a precious boon to humanity. Every mother should fully understand the wonderful influence of her own mind, heart, and physical condition upon her embryo child. The importance of this teaching is painfully emphasized to some of us by the experiences of our own lives. Reforming men and women, who are given over to evil habits is a slow process in the regeneration of the world, but by a proper education

of the children evil will become eliminated.

The W. C. T. U. has done a great deal in educating public sentiment all along the different lines of reform. It was surprising that with the strong temperance sentiment which prevails among the best people of our nation that in our recent war "army, saloons" should have been allowed. It is affirmed that in all the stories of army mismanagement, the use of alcoholic beverages figures! A drunken soldier, or an officer intoxicated, or a dozen of them in that condition, are the explanations of failure and disaster!

Shrewd business men now employ only men of temperate habits in places of responsibility. The U. S. Commissioner of Labor sent out letters of inquiry to 7000 business establishments employing over 3,000,000 men to ascertain the relation of drink habits to labor, and had replies from 5363 stating they employed only temperate men, assigning as reasons, "to guard against accidents" and "the unreliability of drinking men."

The changes made on our Grand Trunk R. R. this last year, resulted largely, it is said, from a determination to free the service of temperate men. And the same is becoming true on all our great lines of travel. The public safety demands it. And also corporations will not risk the financial losses drunken employees entail. The complicated machinery of the present time requires clear, active brains and steady nerves to operate it with safety.

While the evil and disastrous effects of alcoholic drink is recognized by every intelligent person, it seems strange to our womanish understanding, that its manufacture should be allowed by a Christian nation! And yet our Government enters into partnership with the brewers and distillers, having a revenue tax on all which is manufactured; and for money, licenses men to deal it out to the public! But when harmful food, bad beef for instance, is sold, the whole nation is righteously indignant and a systematic course of inquiry is at once instituted with a view of bringing the offenders to merited punishment. And we have our government inspectors for milk and other food products and what ever is found unhealthful is destroyed.

Could any conscientious Board of Health fail to condemn all products of the brewery and distillery, and tobacco in all its forms, as dangerous and unhealthful to all who consume them?

And our Christian nation is already sending shiploads of rum and beer to Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines "in the interests of trade!"

With regard to the tobacco habit, I wish to quote the opinion of some of Maine's well known educators: Pres. Chase of Bates College says:—"It injures the user's health, lessens his mental energy, lowers his ideals and blunts his moral sensibilities."

Pres. Hyatt of Bowdoin College says:—"I have known students in nearly every class in college, who have left college with nerves unstrung, power of persistent effort destroyed and aspiration for a life of usefulness dulled and deadened as a result of excessive smoking."

The principal of Bangor High school, H. K. White, says:—"In an experience of 22 years with high school scholars, I have never known a boy to form a habit of smoking without utterly unfitting himself for school work."

I saw in statistics of 1890, that the tobacco habit of this nation was \$600,000,000 or \$9.50 per individual, while that same year the expense of the nation for public education was \$95,000,000 or \$15.2 per capita, against \$9.50 for tobacco, and \$14.23 per capita for spirituals and liquors! Thus making \$1,500,000,000 worse than wasted, a million times worse than wasted!

That was the direct cost of the rum and tobacco for one year, but who can estimate the indirect cost to the nation in the loss of physical and mental power, and the time lost, the loss of labor, sickness caused by the habits, the crimes perpetrated, the insanity created and the pauperism?

Life insurance statistics show that alcohol shortens the life of the user nearly one-half. The total abstainer has an average of 64 years of life, while the drinker of alcoholic liquors has an average of only about 35 years.

The Supreme Court of the United States has voiced the opinion that "The police power of the State is fully competent to regulate the liquor business, to mitigate its evils, or to suppress it entirely."

Why then is not this done? Is it because public sentiment does not support the action? How is it in our own communities, which are miniatures of the nation? Are people living up to the requirements of the laws of our State? If not, who is responsible?

The weak and cowardly excuse of Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" is still the shield behind which ease-loving souls seek to hide. The question, "How far are we partakers of other people's sins?" is one which it would be well for us each to ponder.

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